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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed "revised Form PTO-1449." Copies of the listed references are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

Moreover, identification of the listed documents is not to be construed as an admission by Applicants or Attorney for Applicants that such documents are material to patentability or available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants decline to use Form PTO-1449, which identifies all the documents cited as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit a "revised form PTO-1449" entitled "List of References Cited By Applicant."

As this statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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